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PRESIDENT MORGAN.

There has been so little of direct information and so much of insinuation about the so-called "dismissal" of professors at the University of Tennessee, that The Herald confesses that it does not know the facts, but it will wager any sort of odds that President Morgan is right. As a matter of fact the newspapers, it appears, are unduly excited over the failure to re-elect certain members of the faculty. That is a privilege that the trustees or governing authority of every institution have. From the time that it was established here there have been changes in the faculty of the high school due to the fact that in the judgment of the superintendent and the nominating committee, really the superintendent, certain members have not "fitted into the organization." In justice to the institution and to the maintenance of proper discipline they have not been retained, it was best for them as it was for the school.

Now that is doubtless the case at the University of Tennessee. There has been a good deal of talk about "student government" and "faculty councils," in other words a sort of soviet form of government for the universities, which in time would of course be followed by a demand for similar government in the high schools and followed to its logical conclusion in the elementary schools. In truth America is about to get an overdose of "democracy." Immature youths, with half formed purposes, it

life, many of them without any re-
mission, so far as they can tell, are
about as capable of directly the des-
tinies of a great educational institu-
tion as the people of Russia are of
self government. There must be a
real lie man at the head of every in-
stitution, some one in whom all fina-
authority is vested. That is necessa-
rily the president. If his policies are
wrong the trustees can remove him,
but there must be harmony between
the persident and the members of the
faculty and discipline among the stu-
dents or the money contributed by
the taxpayers of the state for the
support of the University will be ut-
terly wasted. The people of Tennes-
see look to Dr. Morgan, they hold him
responsible for the conduct and man-
agement of the state's university
They will not be satisfied with any
division of authority. If there are
professors who will not conform to the
policies of the president it is obvious
that they should be dismissed. If
there are students who spend their
time in fomenting strife and encour-
aging a spirit of rebellion to the
authority of the president they should
be sent home by the first train.